



Buprenorphine Program

Capitated Program for the Treatment of Opiate Dependency (CPTOD)

Mission:

To increase access to effective treatment for opiate dependency.

Goals:

The Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA), in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Health Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program (VDH/ADAP), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the commercial insurers, aims to:

- Increase access for patients to Buprenorphine services;
- Increase the number of physicians in Vermont licensed to prescribe Buprenorphine; and
- Support practices caring for the opiate dependent population.

Method:

- The OVHA was appropriated \$500,000 in one-time funds by the legislature to operationalize the Buprenorphine program.
- Funds are used for the capitated program that increases reimbursement in a step-wise manner depending on the number of patients treated by a physician.

Capitated Payment Methodology:

Level	Complexity Assessment	Monthly Rated Capitation Payment	+	<u>BONUS</u>	=	Final Capitated Rate (depends on the number of patients per level per provider)
III.	Induction	\$348.97				
II.	Stabilization/Transfer	\$236.32				
I.	Maintenance Only	\$101.28				

Achievements:

- ADAP was appropriated \$350,000 by the legislature for technical assistance and training of physicians in the use of Buprenorphine.
- In June 2006, Howard Mental Health won the bid to act on behalf of OVHA and VDH/ADAP to provide case management services, and this program is called Coordination of Office Based Medication Assisted Therapy (COB-MAT).
- The DOC is collaborating with VDH and OVHA in developing procedures and protocols that would allow for greater access to these services upon an inmates' release.



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